

Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Hirst, Mr M Lee, Mr K Rendall, Mrs S Sneesby and Mr R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor A Drever.
- Mr E Skea, Community Youth Worker, Orkney Islands Council.
- Mrs H Flett, Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of B Robertson and Councillor S Sankey.

2. Year of Young People - Youth Concert

After hearing a presentation from the Community Youth Worker regarding the proposed youth concert to be held in the Orkney Theatre on 30 August 2018, it was resolved:

A. To note the presentation.

B. To thank the Community Youth Worker for all his work associated with young people locally and wish him a long and happy retirement.

S Sneesby joined the meeting during discussion of this item and the Community Youth Worker left the meeting at this point.

3. Appointment of Chairperson

After a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that J Hirst be re-appointed Chair.

4. Appointment of Vice Chairperson

Resolved that S Sneesby be re-appointed Vice Chair.

5. Appointment of Planning Representative

Resolved that R Thomson be re-appointed Planning Representative.

6. Police Matters

Resolved to note the monthly summary issued by Inspector Keith Bendall and circulated by email just prior to this meeting.

7. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the Meeting held on 8 May 2018 was approved, being proposed by S Sneesby and seconded by K Rendall.

8. Matters Arising

A. East Mainland Tourist Brochure

Resolved to note that a meeting was yet to be co-ordinated to discuss this matter.

B. Kirkyard Grass Cutting Tenders

Councillor A Drever advised that, following further promotion via Facebook, three local residents had undertaken an initial cut of the kirkyard. Thereafter, they had been encouraged to submit a tender, as formally advertised, resulting in an award of contract, and it was:

Resolved to note that a tender had been awarded for the grass cutting in Holm kirkyard for a one year period.

C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

The Clerk had previously circulated an email expressing thanks from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club towards financial assistance provided, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

9. Correspondence - Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advising of annual grants to community councils, copies of which had been circulated, it was resolved:

A. To note the annual grant from Orkney Islands Council to Holm Community Council for 2018-2019, amounting to £3,804.85.

B. To note that the capping level for the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2018-2019 was set at £3,322, with an additional capping limit of £662 in respect of costs associated with halls or community centres not in Council ownership.

10. Community Council Accounts

Following consideration of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the final certified accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

11. Financial Statements 2017-2018

A. General – 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

Following consideration of a financial statement for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 in respect of the Community Council's General Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 31 March 2018 of £7,774.37.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme 2017-2018

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2017-2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

12. Financial Statements 2018-2019

A. General – 1 April to 6 June 2018

Following consideration of a financial statement for the period 1 April to 6 June 2018 in respect of the Community Council's General Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 6 June 2018 of £11,191.72.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme 2018-2019

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2018-2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Development Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

D. Seedcorn Fund

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Seedcorn Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

13. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Orkney Gymnastics Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Gymnastics Club requesting financial assistance towards participation in a Glitterball 2-piece competition to be held in Garioch, Inverurie, on 30 June 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 per gymnast be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance toward a swimmer competing in the Midsummer Meet held in Lerwick on 16 and 17 June 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

C. Year of Young People Event

Following consideration of the information provided earlier in the meeting by the Community Youth Worker, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £150 be awarded towards the youth concert being arranged as part of the Year of Young People, to be held in the Orkney Theatre on 30 August 2018.

14. Consultation - Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan

The Clerk had received a consultation from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan for 2018 to 2022, copies of which had been circulated previously, and it was:

Resolved that, as no meeting was planned prior to the closing date for submissions on 26 July 2018, any member wishing to respond should do so on an individual basis.

15. Publications

The Clerk had received the following publications which were made available to members:

- The Orkney Partnership – Community Planning News – May 2018.
- THAW AGM – 27 June 2018.
- Climate Challenge Fund Summer Newsletter.

16. Any Other Competent Business

A. Community Council Conference

The Chair reported on her attendance at the Community Council conference held earlier in the day, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided, including the proposal that a further conference be held in approximately six months' time, at which it would be beneficial if another member of the Community Council could attend, in order to gain a better understanding of the issues raised.

B. War Memorial

Councillor A Drever referred to the state of the war memorial and the surrounding area and the upcoming commemoration of 100 years since the end of the First World War, and it was resolved:

1. To note that R Thomson would undertake an initial strim of the surrounding area at the war memorial.
2. That S Sneesby should contact the Blide Trust to determine whether they could undertake weeding and a general tidy up.
3. That, should the Blide Trust be able to undertake the works, the cost be met from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 29 August 2018.

18. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:20.